RAILWAY ADVISORY BOARD—REPRESENTATION FOR COCHIN STATE

158. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Cochin State is represented in the Railway Advisory Board;

(*b*) if so, how many Cochin State representatives are there in the Board;

(*c*) whether Government be pleased to nominate a nominee of this Council to the Railway Advisory Board?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) No; the representative of Government is an ex-officio member of the Committee.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is there any objection to nominate a non-official to the Advisory Board?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* That is the answer to sub-division (*c*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is there any objection to nominate another ex-officio member to the Committee?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* They have given place only for one.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* The Diwan has multifarious functions to perform; then why not you nominate a member from the non-officials on this Board? *(Laughter).*

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Why not Mr. Moothedan? *(Laughter).*

HARBOUR—RECEIPTS FROM EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, ETC.

159. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the volume and extent of the export and import trade in the Cochin Harbour and the income therefrom for the years 1932 to 1940;

(*b*) the number of ships that visited the Harbour during the above years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Particulars for the years from 1935-36 to 1939-1940 are given below. Particulars for the years

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previous to 1935-1936 are not readily available. Information has been called for from the Harbour Authorities.

Year	Volume of export and Import Trade in Tons	Income from Port dues and mooring fees Rs.	No. of ships that visited
1935-36	8,67,542	2,90.428	1,210
1936-37	7,41,007	2,69,959	1,099
1937-38	7,80,498	2,65,306	1,166
1938-39	7,86,129	2,84,309	1,123
1939-40	9,51,363	2,42,810	1,154

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government have noted that after the fourth-stage works are an accomplished fact, the income has been consistently going down—in 1935-36 the income from port dues and mooring fees was 2 lakhs and 90 thousand and odd and in 1939-40 it is 2 lakhs, 42 thousand and odd. May I know what exactly is the reason for this fall in income?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* One reason is given there itself. The tonnage also is less.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* The impression was that the fourth-stage is going to inaugurate the golden era; the figures do not show that. May I know whether there is any specific reason for this fall?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* This is only from one item of income.

STALLS IN ERNAKULAM MARKET CONSTRUCTED BY THE SHASHTIPOORTHI MEMORIAL COMMITTEE— RENT FROM—UTILISATION

160. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the abdicated Maharaja's Shashtipoorthi Memorial Committee have constructed at their expense two stalls in the Ernakulam Market;

(*b*) that the rent was undertaken to be utilised by the Ernakulam Municipality for the maintenance of the

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